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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 19, 1944, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter and Price being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis, Slye and Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Baker, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

DR. NATHANIEL TROSS REQUESTS INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE OF NEGRO POLICEMEN AND APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO POLICE WOMAN.

Dr. Nathaniel Tross expressed the appreciation of the Community Crusaders organization for the consideration shown the negro citizens through the work of the negro policemen, and requested an increase in their maintenance and status. He also spoke on the negro delinquency problem, and requested for the organization the appointment of a negro police woman to aid in the work of alleviating the delinquency situation among the teen-age negro girls.

CONTRACT AWARDED DRESSER MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR COUPLINGS.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Dresser Manufacturing Company for furnishing 24 couplings for Class B cast iron pipe, at a net delivered price of \$215.28. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CINDERS FROM BUCKEYE COTTON OIL COMPANY.

Councilman Daughtry moved that a year's supply of cinders be purchased from the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, for use in street maintenance, at a price of \$100.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING AUTOMATIC DOOR AT CITY GARAGE.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the Overhead Door Company of the Carolinas for furnishing and installing an automatic door at the City Garage, at a total cost of \$231.00.

CONTRACT LET TO GEO. G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR 1943-44 AUDIT OF CITY'S BOOKS.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was let to Geo.G. Scott & Company for the 1943-44 audit of the City's books, at a price of \$3,000.00.

MATTER OF RAISING BID ON TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY AT 1200-02 PLAZA REFERRED TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that at the tax foreclosure sale on April 17th, the high bidder on property located at 1200-02 Plaza was Jas. G. McLaughlin, at \$800.00 and asked the Council's wishes as to the City raising the bid. The matter was referred by the Mayor to the Evaluation Committee with power to act.

MOTION OF APRIL 5, 1944 RESCINDED AWARDING CONTRACT TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR CLEANING 9,000 to 12,500 FEET OF PIPE AND AWARDED FOR CLEANING 9,000 to 10,000 FEET OF PIPE.

At the request of the City Manager, Councilman Albea moved that motion passed on April 5, 1944 awarding contract to the National Water Main Cleaning Company, for cleaning 9,000 to 12,500 feet of 12 inch water mains at an estimated cost of \$810.00 be rescinded, and moved that contract be awarded for cleaning 9,000 to 10,000 feet of 12 inch water mains at an estimated cost not to exceed \$900.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

MOTION OF MARCH 29, 1944 RESCINDED AWARDING CONTRACT TO CREECH MOTORCYCLE COMPANY FOR FOUR MOTORCYCLES AT \$602.20 and AWARDED SAID COMPANY AT \$902.20.

At the request of the City Manager, Councilman Albea moved that Council action on March 29, 1944 awarding contract to Creech Motorcycle Company for four motorcycles, less tradé-ins, at a net delivered price of \$602.30, be rescinded, and that contract be awarded this company for the four motorcycles, less trade-in allowance, at a net delivered price of \$902.20. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH UNIVERSAL SCHOOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR CHAIRS.

Councilman Daughtry moved that 67 chairs be purchased from the Universal School Equipment Company, Raleigh, N.C., at a net delivered price of \$236.51, and contract be executed for same, the funds to cover to be appropriated from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION MADE FROM IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PAVING ROUND DRILL TOWER.

Councilman Daughtry moved that \$2,600.00 be appropriated from the Improvement Fund for paving of complete area around the Drill Tower. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO REPAIR PROPERTY AT 707 NORTH BREVARD STREET.

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

Whereas, the City has a substantial tax and street assessment lien against the property known as 707 North Brevard Street, and

Whereas, foreclosure proceedings are in progress in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County in an action entitled City of Charlotte vs: Mary Hartman McKee, et als (Tax Suit No. 381), and

Whereas, the said building is in such condition as that part of it may fall unless some repairs are made, and

Whereas, an order has been duly entered in the said tax suit authorizing the city to make the said repairs and in that way protect the lien of the city, the cost of said repairs to be a first lien upon the proceeds derived from any sale of the property, and

Whereas, the city building inspector estimates that the cost of said repairs will not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) be and it is appropriated from the emergency fund for the purpose

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of making the aforesaid repairs, the said money to be restored to the said fund when the said property is sold and the said amount has been collected from the sale proceeds.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING CONTRACTS FOR LIBRARY SURVEY.

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

Whereas, for a contract price of not exceeding \$1500.00 the American Library Association of Chicago, Ill., has agreed to make a survey of the Charlotte Public Library for the purpose of determining the library service needed for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County with particular reference to a special study of the building facilities of the library system, with recommendations as to location, size, planning and construction of new building facilities for adequate library service, and to furnish to the City and County a summary of its findings and recommendations, including an immediate and long-time program, and

Whereas, the County of Mecklenburg has agreed to pay one-half of the cost of said survey and to execute a contract to the City to that effect:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are, authorized and empowered, in behalf of the City to execute the following:

(1) Contract between the City and the American Library Association for the survey above mentioned;

(2) Contract between the City and Mecklenburg County setting forth the agreement, on the part of the County, to pay up to, but not exceeding, \$750.00 of the cost of said survey.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amount necessary to pay the contract price, not exceeding \$1,500.00, be, and it is, appropriated from the General Fund, and that upon payment by the County of its half of said cost, said General Fund shall be reimbursed the amount so paid by the County.

Councilman Atkins moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. CANNON, JR.

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

RESOLUTION, that the City Treasurer be and he is authorized to employ a real estate appraiser to assist him in determining what position the City of Charlotte shall take in connection with the proposal by Dr. T. N. Spencer to purchase from the estate of Joseph F. Cannon, Jr., an undivided one-half interest in certain real estate in Cabarrus County, which is the subject of civil action pending in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County entitled "Citizens National Bank et al vs. Nella Douglas Cannon et als.", the amount to be paid to be (\$15.00) Fifteen Dollars, the same being hereby appropriated for this purpose from the emergency fund.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution and moved that the President of the Charlotte Real Estate Board be requested to appoint an appraiser. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

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Absent: Councilmen Bullard and Hovis.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED RELATIVE TO FORECLOSURE SALE OF PROPERTY AT 2120 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND SALE OF SAID PROPERTY TO ORIGINAL OWNER.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue:

WHEREAS, at foreclosure sale on January 4, 1943, in Tax Suit #260, entitled "City of Charlotte vs. Mrs. Annie J. Granger et al.", the City of Charlotte was high bidder for the lot of land located at No. 2120 Commonwealth Avenue in said City and being Lot 6, Block 11, of "Chantilly" as shown on map recorded in Book 230, pages 248 and 249, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, and said lot was conveyed to said City pursuant to said sale by deed dated February 12, 1943, and recorded in Book 1091, page 155, of said Registry; and whereas, Mrs. Annie Jones Granger, the sole owner of said lot prior to foreclosure, has requested that said City sell said lot to her, pursuant to the provisions of Section 61 of the Charter of said City, at the price of \$649.41, which amount represents as of February 1, 1944, the taxes, interest, penalties and other liens which were enforced in said tax suit, together with court and foreclosure costs, and proposes to pay \$30.00 of said purchase price in cash and to execute and deliver to said City her promissory note in the amount of \$619.41, bearing interest at 6% per annum, secured by first deed of trust on said lot, and payable in monthly installments of \$30.00 each, beginning March 1, 1944, to be applied first to accrued interest and then to unpaid principal until said note and all interest thereon shall have been paid in full.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Charlotte be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute in the name of the City a deed of bargain and sale conveying said lot of land to said Mrs. Annie J. Granger subject to the lien of any taxes assessed subsequent to the year 1943, such deed to be delivered to her upon the payment by her to the City Treasurer of the aforesaid cash payment of \$30.00, the execution and delivery by her to the City Treasurer of the aforesaid note and deed of trust and the payment by her of the amount necessary to purchase the revenue stamp to be affixed to said deed.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Cope and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION OF \$273.35 MADE FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION IF LEGAL.

Request was made by Mr. Seuter of the Charlotte Rescue Mission for an appropriation of \$273.35 to said Mission, it being stated by him that the 1943 City taxes on their property amounted to \$773.35, and the \$500.00 granted them by the City in 1943 would be applied against these taxes but they would be unable to pay the balance of \$273.35 without further aid. Councilman Albea moved that \$273.35 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund and given the Mission for the purpose of paying the 1943 taxes if the City Attorney stated it was legal to do so. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROPOSED DOG LAW, KNOWN AS "THE RAVELLE PLAN".

Mayor Baxter stated a report had been submitted by the Committee appointed to study the proposed Dog Law, known as "The Ravelle Plan". Copies of the report were distributed to the Councilmen and the City Manager was directed to deliver a copy to the City Attorneys with request that an ordinance including the recommendations in the report be prepared for Council consideration.

Mr. Tom Ravelle, a member of the Committee, was present and stated the Committee had worked diligently to bring in a report that was with the unanimous consent of the Committee, and they believed they had submitted a report that would solve the dog problem in Charlotte and they would be glad to confer with the Council on the subject at any time. Councilman Ward moved that the Council go on record as commending the Committee for the splendid work it had done. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR DEFERMENT OF THE EQUIVALENT ELIMINATION PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the City Manager was authorized to request a deferment for one year, dating from March 13, 1944, of the Equivalent Elimination Provision of the Agreement with the Charlotte Housing Authority.

PURCHASE OF MATERIAL AUTHORIZED FROM DOGGETT LUMBER COMPANY FOR REPAIRS TO CITY OWNED HOUSES AT SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT.

Councilman Baker moved that authority be given to purchase from Doggett Lumber Company the necessary material for making repairs to City owned houses at Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant in the amount of \$130.55. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY GRANTED USE OF SURVEY OF PERSONS AND FIRMS SUBJECT TO PRIVILEGE LICENSES AND TO SHARE IN EXPENSE OF SURVEY.

The City Manager advised the Collector of Revenue recommended that the Collector of Revenue of Mecklenburg County be granted the use of the City's notes resulting from the survey of persons and firms subject to City privilege licenses; that the County would pay its proportionate share of the cost of the survey. Councilman Albea moved that the request be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR AND PURCHASE OF ADDRESSOGRAPH MACHINE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Baker moved that the City advertise for bids on an Addressograph Machine for the Water Department and that \$1,300.00 be appropriated from the Water Contingent Fund for the purpose of buying the machine. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING SETBACK LINES.

Councilman Price moved that the City Manager be directed to recommend concerning the desirability of establishing setback lines, and if same approved by Council, a comprehensive setback line plan be delivered to the City Attorneys with request that they formulate the necessary legislation for Council action. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO PURCHASING LOT ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD FROM H. B. KELLER.

The following resolution was presented by City Attorney Campbell:

WHEREAS, by deed dated July 15, 1943, and recorded in Book 1094, Page 385, of Mecklenburg County Public Registry, H. B. Keller purchased a lot on Beatties Ford Road with 50 foot frontage and 200 foot depth, at a price of \$286.00, said deed having been made by E. S. DeLaney, Commissioner, in a tax foreclosure suit, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable that the City acquire said lot for the purpose of alleviating surface water from the area surrounding the lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City purchase said lot from H. B. Keller for a price of \$286.00, plus taxes, and that the City Treasurer and City Accountant be authorized and empowered to pay said purchase price to H. B. Keller upon delivery to the City of deed conveying title to said property.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution and that the said \$286.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

BONDS AUTHORIZED ISSUED FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Price moved that a sufficient amount of bonds be issued to permit a sidewalk improvement program on a ten year assessment plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Albe and carried unanimously.

BID ON TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY AT 1708-10 SEIGLE STREET ACCEPTED BY CITY.

Councilman Baker advised it was the judgment of the Evaluation Committee that the City should not raise the bid of E. L. Vinson at \$1,000.00 on the tax foreclosure property located at 1708-10 Seigle Street (being Tax Suit No. 196). The Council concurred in the decision.

COMMON LABOR PROBLEM DISCUSSED BY CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTAL HEADS.

The City Manager stated he wished to discuss with Council the problem of common labor with the City. At his request there were present the City Engineer, Supt. of Water Department, Supt. of Sanitary Department, Supt. of Cemeteries and Supt. of Parks and Recreation Commission, who spoke in detail regarding the problem of retaining common labor in their departments, stating it was their belief that an increase in wage scale would alleviate the unusual turn over. Councilman Daughtry moved that the City Manager work out a wage schedule and bring back to Council at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried.

PERMISSION DENIED BLIND ASSOCIATION TO ERECT REFRESHMENT STAND IN CITY HALL.

The City Manager stated the Blind Association wished to erect a Refreshment Stand in the first floor corridor of the City Hall, and asked the Council to state if they wished this done. After a lengthy discussion as to the merits and demerits of the erection of such a Stand, Councilman Albea moved that the request be granted with the understanding that no cold drinks be sold and that the Stand be operated under the supervision of the Mayor or City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and upon being put to a vote the motion was lost.

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CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the following deeds to cemetery lots be transferred to the purchasers:

- Charles H. Rowan to W. W. Wentz and wife, Ella S. Wentz, Lot No. 122, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.
B. B. Wilson, Lot No. 377, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00
Mrs. Mary Jane Whitley Sanders, Lot No. 26, Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
B. L. Pendleton and wife, Ellie Pendleton, Lots No. 31 and 31-Fraction, Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, \$53.20.
F. A. Rodgers and wife, Bennie Rodgers, North Half Lot No. 104, in Section "T" Elmwood Cemetery, \$50.40.
W. F. Myers and W. P. Morrow, Lot No. 34, in Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, \$31.50.
Perpetual Care Agreement to Miss Hattie Alexander, Lot No. 11 & 5 Fraction, in Elmwood Cemetery, Section "I", \$132.50.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Atkins, the meeting adjourned.

City Clerk